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Web Announcement 1678

New Pulmonary Stress Testing Code

Effective January 1, 2018, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) replaced Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code 94620 (Pulmonary Stress Test/Simple) with CPT code 94618 (Pulmonary Stress Testing).

CPT code 94618 may be billed by provider types (PT) 12 (Hospital, Outpatient), 20 (Physician, M.D., Osteopath, D.O.), 24 (Advanced Practice Registered Nurse - APRN), 27 (Radiology & Non-invasive Diagnostic Centers), 34 (Therapy) and 77 (Physician's Assistant - PA) with modifiers TC, 26 and 22 with dates of service on or after January 1, 2018. Effective September 10, 2018, CPT code 94618 will no longer deny in error with edit codes 0148 (Rendering provider is not certified to perform procedure) and/or 0210 (No fees found on file) and/or 0309 (Services not covered) for PTs 12, 20, 24, 27, 34 and 77.

Claims for CPT code 94618 billed by PTs 12, 20, 24, 27, 34 and 77 with dates of service on or after January 1, 2018, through claims processed before September 10, 2018, that denied in error will be automatically reprocessed to adjudicate correctly. Providers do not need to resubmit or appeal the denied claims. A future web announcement will notify providers when the claims will be reprocessed.

Claims for CPT code 94620 submitted on or after January 1, 2018, that denied must be resubmitted using CPT code 94618 following timely filing guidelines.